



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James R. Halladay et al. *Docket No.:* IR-2763(MH)
Serial No.: 09/672,437 *Group Art Unit:* 1774
Filed: September 28, 2000 *Examiner:* Kimberly T. Nguyen
For: Composite Shims Having a Laminate Structure

August 13, 2002

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2002, kindly amend the
subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (**Amended**) A composite shim having a laminate structure, the composite shim having a central axis, the composite shim comprising a first composite layer including at least one circumferential fiber, said circumferential fiber being oriented in a plane that is substantially perpendicular to said central axis.

13. (**Amended**) A composite shim according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one [hoop wound] circumferential fiber is selected from the group consisting of carbon, graphite, glass, aramid and boron.